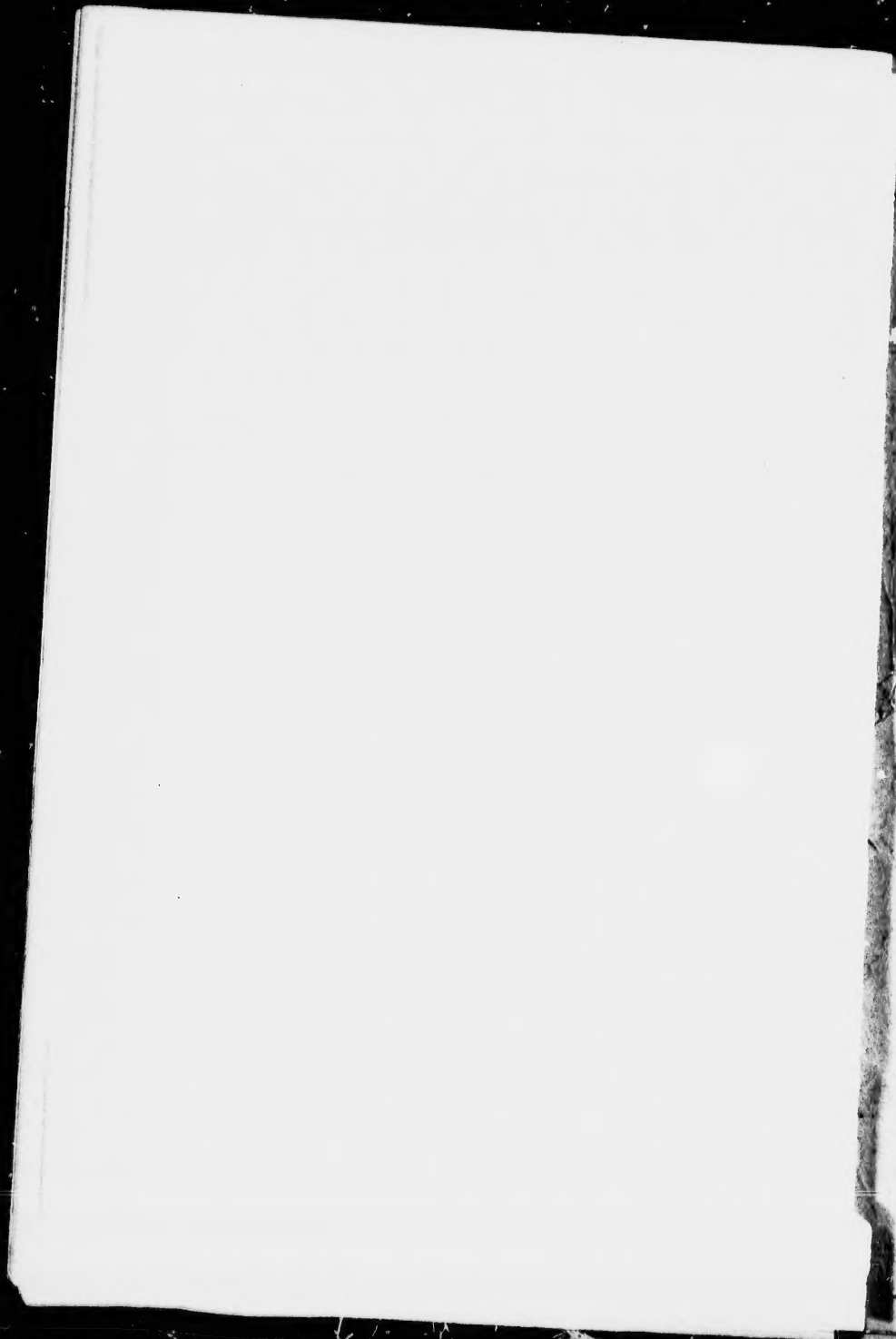




No. 1.

To His EXCELLENCY, the GOVERNOR of QUEBEC.
New-York, June 4th, 1783.

SIR,

THE condition of His Majesty's faithful subjects who have been driven from their estates, and have suffered every other inconvenience on account of their loyalty and services, demands the most benevolent consideration. Many thousands of these, have been already induced to seek an asylum in Nova Scotia, where grants of lands are to be made them without quitrents; as I hope, and have recommended, on future expences of any kind together with other necessary aids, assistances and from this measure I hope that the Province itself will draw much future opulence and strength.

There are others, Sir, of the above description, and number, about two hundred families as I am informed, who wish to pass into Canada, and find grants and habitations there; and I think it my duty, Sir, to recommend in the strongest terms, to your Excellency's consideration the making grants of land to those persons in the neighborhood of Frontenac, where they are desirous to settle; and without any reservations of rents or the payment of any fees or expence whatever: To which I hope your Excellency will add the aid of a year's provision in like manner as have been given in Nova Scotia. Also, other aids and assistances within your power, and as the necessity of their drawing people in their new condition, settlers may re-

quire. they being undoubtedly entitled to all the protection and assistance we can give them.

I am, Sir, your Excellency's most obedient,
and most humble servant.

(Signed)

GUY CARLETON.

(Directed to the care of Amos Anstey.)

We the subscribers, certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of Sir Guy Carleton's Letter to the Governor of Quebec.

(Signed)

EMANUEL ELLERBECK.
GEORGE GALLAWAY.

N^o. III.

To his Excellency, the right honorable Guy Lord Dorchester, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Colonies of Quebec, New-Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Captain General, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The PETITION of the subscribers, representatives of the loyal inhabitants of the New Settlements extending from Point Aubodet, to the Bay of Quenty, comprehending fourteen townships, in behalf of themselves and constituents,

Most Respectfully Sheweth :—

THAT the Petitioners, in conformity to a circular Letter from the Inspector of Loyalists, dated Lochane, the 24th December 1786, were at a public meeting of the respective township to which they belong, elected by a majority of votes to represent that township for the purpose of reporting to your Lordship such request as the inhabitants of said township had to make, as well as all such grievances which they may labor under and wish to have redressed—We therefore, being now in general meeting of the representatives for said township, acting in obedience to the said circular

Letter, attempt to state to your Lordship all such matters, and rest in full confidence that whatever reasonable request we make of your Lordship if in your power you will grant it, and what you cannot that your lordship will be pleased to transmit and lay before His Majesty's Ministers; we, in such case praying your lordship's recommendation in our favor.

The uniform and benevolent attention of Government to our distresses, during the continuance of, and since, the late Rebellion, and the encouragement we have received from your lordship's worthy predecessor will not permit us to entertain a doubt but that under your lordship's auspices, our most valuable interest will be secured and every reasonable expectation gratified.

The Petitioners acknowledge with the warmest gratitude his Majesty's paternal care and most gracious attention to alleviate as much as possible by multiplied favors conferred upon them, the calamities incident to a state of war; they therefore wish to convey to your lordship the strongest assurances of the unshaken loyalty and fidelity of themselves and constituents; assuring your lordship, that whenever his Majesty shall require their service, their lives and properties shall most cheerfully be devoted to his service, and the defence of his dominions. From your lordship's great wisdom and intimate knowledge of our interest & expectations as loyal subjects, and the particular attention paid by your lordship to our reasonable requests on former occasions, we have formed the most sanguine hopes that the lands on which we are now settled, and which we have improved at great expense and labor, will not be granted to us on worse terms than we held the lands that were forfeited in the

revolted colonies in consequence of our attachment to his Majesty and the British Government, the same being in fee simple ; by which tenure, we humbly pray to hold these lands subject only to the yearly quitrent of one half-penny per acre, and from our long sufferings, and exertions in support of our mild and lenient government under which we were brought up, namely the British Constitution, we humbly pray to be governed in these new settlements, by the same as British subjects after the custom and manner the same was administered in the late Province of New-York, under the Governor and Council of said Province in the year of one thousand seven hundred sixty and three.

That, your lordship would be pleased to send a Surveyor to measure our lands and fix our boundaries and point out our lands that we are to receive from his Majesty, before that others, who are not under the character of suffering loyalists can be settled.

That your Lordship, in the regulation of the Militia of these Settlements, would be pleased to permit the inhabitants of the settlements to nominate such officers as they are to serve under as Militia, as with such they are at all times ready to risque their lives in support of His Majesty and in defence of his dominions.

Your lordship's attention to those matters will lay us under a duty ever to pray for your lordship.

(Signed) *Jacob Rambach,* *William Empey,*
Philip Shavaur, *Seffreness Kastleman*
Martin Waiter, *John Boice,*
William Philips, *Frederick Weaver,*
Joel Adams, *John McIntyre,*
Patrick MacNiff, *Amos Ansley.*

Township No. 5, the 19th day of March, 1787.

No. IV.

To his Excellency the right honorable Guy Lord
Dorchester, Governor and Commander in Chief
in and over his Majesty's Colonies of Quebec,
New-Brunswick and Nova Scotia, &c. &c. &c.

WE the subscribers, the representatives of the
loyalists settled from Point Aubodett, to the upper
end of the Bay of Quinte ; beg leave to represent
to your lordship, that the distresses and complaints
of the inhabitants of the different townships which
we represent, are such as obliges us to lay before
your lordship the present distress of the inhabitants
for want of cloathing and other necessaries, which
they say were sent them by his Majesty, but were
withheld from them by such persons as were or-
dered to distribute the same ; in order to quiet the
minds of the inhabitants of these townships, we
humbly pray your lordship would be pleased to
order a Court of Enquiry to be held in some part
of these settlements for the purpose of finding
whether or no such donations were justly distrib-
uted, which we conceive is the only way to quiet
the minds of the inhabitants.

That your lordship, if consistent with the inter-
est of his Majesty, would be pleased to order that
the shipping would come to Cātaraque instead of
Carleton Island, and that the passage from the up-
per end of the Bay of Quinte, should be used in-
stead of the Grand River,

That your lordship would be pleased to order
for the benefit of each township some assistance for
the support of a School-master.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound,
will ever pray, &c.

Jacob Rombach, William Empey,

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(Signed) *Joel Adams,* *Philip Shavaur,*
John Boice, *Siffreness Kasileman,*
Frederick Weaver, *Martin Walter.*
William Philips, *Amos Ansley,*
John McIntyre, *Patrick MacNiff.*
Township No. 5, the 19th day of March, 1787.

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Township No. 5, March the 19th, 1787.
GENTLEMEN,

YOU are requested and appointed to go on our behalfs to deliver Stephen Deloney, Esq. inspector of loyalists, the enclosed Petitions of us the representatives of the inhabitants of the New Settlements and see that the same is forwarded from him to Sir John Johnson Kt. & Bart. if he is in Montreal : if he should not be there you are to see that the said Petitions are forwarded to Lord Dorchester.

We are, Gentlemen, your most obedient
humble servants.

(Signed) *Jacob Rombach,* *William Empey,*
William Philips, *Frederick Weaver,*
Joel Adams, *Martin Walter,*
Patrick MacNiff, *John Boice,*
Siffreness Kasileman, *Philip Shavaur.*

To Messrs. *Amos Ansley &* }
John MacIntyre.

6thly. That Mr. McLean has had a Mr. Atkins, a Surveyor, running lines contrary to the survey made by Mr. Collins ; which, if said lines are allowed to stand, we will be thrown off our improvements, and of course ruined : that, on account of

Mr. McLean's conduct, we have been very much discouraged in improving our land.

(Signed) *Amos Ansley, Conrad Orbell,*
Aron Brower, John Cannon,
John Ferris, Robert Tindall,
Jo Yon Most, John Warner.

To the Honorable Judges, Commissioners appointed by Law, to examine all Titles of Land.

THE MEMORIAL of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of Kingston, Humbly Sheweth :—That your Petitioners settled and improved agreeable to a Survey made by Mr. Collins, in the year 1784; that in 1787, a discovery was made, that the lines were not North, as was expected, but were to the Westward; that on a complaint, made to Lord Dorchester, Mr. Collins and Lawyer Powell were sent from Quebec, to hold a Court of Enquiry.

And in redress of said complaint, the annexed Certificate was obtained.

Your Petitioners Humbly pray that your Honors will take such measures as to provide that the courses mentioned in the Deeds shall agree with the Survey that we first settled by, & have improved agreeably thereto this fourteen years, and your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) *Amos Ansley, Solomon Orser,*
John Cannon, Daniel Ferris,
Thomas Burnett, John Ferris,
John Burnett,

Kingston, Sept. 17th, 1798.

N^o. IX.

I DO CERTIFY, that the Road lying between the Lots No. 17 and 18, in the first township above Cataraque fronting on Lake Ontario, and running

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up through the said township, is hereby approved
of, ratified and confirmed.

Given under my hand, the 25th day of August, 1787.

(Signed)

JOHN COLLINS, D. S. General.

To Capt. JOHN EVERET.

and the inhabitants of
the first township.

[A true copy, taken
by me, AMOS ANSLEY.]

*This Certificate was given in redress to the com-
plaint against M^cLean and Atkins.*

AMOS ANSLEY.

YORK, 20th Oct. 1800.

SIR,

I have received your letter of the 13th June.
The advice I gave Mr Rider was as follows :—
That in all Townships where the lots were origin-
ally laid out square, the most likely way to run
the boundaries, according to the original inten-
tion, was to try the course of the concession line,
and whatever that appeared to be by the Survey-
or's Instrument, to make offsets accordingly at
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Township. The variation of the Compass will al-
ways make some variation between the line on the
Ground and the course on the Deed ; to rectify
this, an act of Parliament has passed, to enable the Set-
tlers of the Townships to erect Monuments, in or-
der to preserve their ancient lines and boundaries.
The side lines were reported North to me from
Quebec, by the original Survey,

I am, Sir,

your obt. Servant.

D. SMITH, A. S. G.

To Mr. AMOS ANSLEY,
Kingston.

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An ACT to ascertain and establish on a permanent footing, the Boundary Lines of the different Townships of this Province.

WHILEAS it is expedient and necessary, to ascertain and establish upon some permanent principle, the boundary lines of the different townships within this Province, and distinctly to preserve them when so ascertained and established, Be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, an act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, "an act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the government of the said province," and by the authority of the same, That stone monuments, or monuments of other durable materials, shall be placed at the several corners, governing points, or off sets of every township that hath been surveyed, or may hereafter be surveyed; and also, at each end of the several concession lines of such townships. And that lines from the monuments so erected, or to be erected, be taken and considered as the permanent boundary lines of such townships and concessions respectively.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the monuments above directed to be placed as aforementioned, shall be placed under the inspection and order of the Surveyor General of this Province.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,

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said, That the courses and distances of the said boundary lines so ascertained and established, shall on all occasions be, and be taken to be, the true courses and distances of the boundary lines of the said townships and concessions, whether the same do, or do not, on actual measurement, coincide with the courses and distances in any letters patent of grant, or other instrument in respect of such boundary lines mentioned and expressed.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if any person or persons shall knowingly or wilfully pull down, deface, alter, or remove any such monument so erected as aforesaid, he, she or they, shall be adjudged guilty of felony, and shall suffer death without benefit of clergy.

V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That it shall not be necessary for the surveyor general to proceed to carry the provisions of this act into execution, until an application for that purpose shall have been made to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, by the Magistrates of any District, or County, not being a part of a District, in Quarter Sessions assembled, signifying that the erecting of such monuments, and ascertaining such boundaries as aforesaid, is necessary and expedient for some particular township or townships within such District or county.

VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That when, and so often, as application shall be made to the Justices of the Peace, in, and for any District, in quarter sessions assembled, by thirty Freeholders of any township within such district, to have monuments erected conformably to the intention of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the said justices, and they are hereby au-

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thorized and required to form an estimate of the sum of money, which, in their judgment and discretion, shall seem requisite to defray the charges of erecting such monument, and to lay an equal assessment (proportionable thereto) upon each and every acre of land within such township; which assessment they shall cause to be raised and collected by a Warrant under the hands and seals of any two or more of them, directed to the Collectors of such township, and requiring them to raise and collect the said assessments, in such manner, and by such means as in other such cases by law directed and required, and to pay the same when so collected, into the hands of the Treasurer of the District, to answer the charges to be incurred by erecting such monuments.

VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when any person liable to pay his proportion and rate of such assessment, shall be absent from the township, and shall not have taken means to answer the same to the said collectors within one year from, and after, the date of the warrant for collecting the same, the land of such absentee shall be held liable and answerable for the payment of such rate, with the lawful interest arising thereon: and when the same shall amount to twenty shillings, or upwards, upon each lot of one hundred acres of land, and so in proportion for any number of acres, more or less, it shall and may be lawful for the treasurer of the district in which such lands shall lie and be situate, and he is hereby required to give notice of the same for six months in the Upper Canada Gazette, and if after the expiration of that time the same shall not be paid, it shall and may be lawful for him to sell so much thereof, after publicly advertizing the same,

as may be necessary to satisfy the said arrears, and the necessary expences incurred by the proceedings, and to receive the monies arising from such sale, to and for the use of the township.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

QUEBEC, 25th August, 1789.

Additional Rules and Regulations for the Conduct of the Land-Office Department.

WHEREAS there is reason to apprehend that delays and abuses have arisen in the Land-granting department, on account of the distance of the Surveyor General's office from its agents or Deputy Surveyors, in various parts of the province, and that some of the said Surveyors have, in divers instances, attempted to dispose of the waste lands of the Crown, without authority, under pretext of executing the King's instructions to the Governor, relative to the allotments of lands to be made to disbanded troops, and under other colors and pretences ; It is therefore hereby ordered and directed, that all Surveyors employed by the Government, under instructions from the Surveyor General's office, for making Surveys and allotments of the waste lands of the Crown, in any part of the Province, forthwith make reports to the Land-boards for the respective Districts, of all allotments made by them (the said Surveyors) specifying their authority, that individuals, conceiving themselves secured in the possession of such unauthorized locations as are afore mentioned, may be apprized of the error. And the Boards are to keep a vigilant eye over all encroachments by individuals upon the waste lands of the Crown, under pretext of such unauthorized locations, or otherwise ; communicating such full information

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cies, as their cases may be found to require.

II. No allotments whatever shall henceforth be
made by any of the said Surveyors, except by writ-
ten authority, directions or certificate of the re-
spective Boards. And as often as such certificate
or authority of the Board shall come to the hands
of the Surveyor, to whom the same is directed, it
shall be his duty to locate the tract therein men-
tioned, and give his certificate of location to the
intended grantee, at the foot, or on the back of
the authority of the Board accordingly.

And as often as an order of the Governor in
Council issues for a grant of lands to be made, the
Clerk of the Council shall transmit a copy thereof
to the Board of the District in which the lands to
be granted are situated, to enable the Board to give
the authority before directed, for the tract being
located by the Surveyor.

III. The Boards are to take care, that the orders
contained in the tenth article of the Rules and Re-
gulations for the conduct of the Land-office de-
partment, of the 17th of February last, relative to
the dimensions and subdivision of Townships, be
duly executed by the different Surveyors: And
for this purpose, the said orders are here inserted
at length for the information and guidance of the
Boards, viz.

The dimensions of every inland Township shall
be ten miles square, and such as are situated upon a
navigable river or water, shall have a front of nine
miles, and be twelve miles in depth.

The Town Plot in every Township shall be one

mile square. In an inland Township it shall be situated in the centre thereof; and in a Township upon a navigable river or water, it shall be in the centre of the front bordering upon the river or water.

Every Town-lot shall contain one acre more or less.

Every Town-park shall contain twenty four acres, more or less.

Every Farm-lot, shall contain two hundred acres more or less.

G There shall be a public Square or Parade in the center of the Town, containing four acres more or less.

G There shall be four more Public Squares or Parades of the like extent at equal and convenient distances from the center.

A square of four acres more or less, shall be reserved on each side of the center square for places of Divine worship, one parsonage house, one School-house, a Court or Town-house, a Prison, and a Poor or Work house.

F A Square of four acres, more or less, shall be reserved at each of the four corners of the Town-Plot, for a common Burying ground, Hospital, &c.

H Four Squares of four acres each, more or less, shall be reserved for Market-places, at the four extremities of the Town, in a line with, and at equal distances from the four corners.

The eight principal streets leading from the center square, shall be ninety-six feet wide. All other streets shall be sixty feet wide. All the squares shall be open at the angles or corners.

A An area of half a mile, more or less, in depth

surrounding the Town, shall be reserved for works of defence if necessary, or such other dispositions as shall be thought proper at a future period.

The Town parks shall adjoin and surround the area just mentioned, and shall be two hundred and eighty eight in number in every inland Township, and two hundred and eighteen in number in every Township situated upon a navigable river or water.

I One Town-park shall be reserved for a Minister, and one for a Schoolmaster, adjoining each other.

K The remainder of the Township shall be laid out in Farm lots, the number of which in every inland Township, is to be two hundred and fifty two, and in every Township situated on a navigable river or water, three hundred.

Two farm lots shall be reserved for a Minister, and one for a Schoolmaster situated behind the Town-parks, to be reserved for them respectively, and in that division of Farm-lots which is nearest to the Town.

In each of the four corners of every inland Township, eight farm lots adjoining each other shall be reserved in the hands of the Crown.

A In each of the four corners of every township, situated upon a navigable river or water, ten farm lots, adjoining each other, shall be reserved in the hands of the Crown.

**The Letters in the Margin refer to the plans abovementioned.*

The Roads in every Township, shall be sixty feet wide.

And all streets and roads are to intersect each other at right angles, at the distances, and in the directions, laid down in the approved plans, filed in the Council office, according to the foregoing particulars, copies of which are to be transmitted to each of the Boards for their more ample information.

IV. And in as much as local circumstances may sometimes render a deviation from the foregoing orders, respecting the scite of the Town, and the directions of the roads, more eligible for the general convenience of the settlers, the Boards are hereby authorised to direct such deviations therefrom, in the said particulars, as the circumstances may require; But the Surveyors shall, on no pretence whatever, make any deviation from the general orders, in these, or any other respects, but by the written authority of the Boards.

And it shall be the duty of the Boards, in every such case, to report the reason for their act, to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, with all convenient speed.

V. For the exercise of due caution in the ordering of any such deviations from the general models respecting the scites of Towns, and the directions of roads, as may be authorised by the Boards under the preceding article, it shall be the duty of the Boards, as often as one or more new Townships are to be laid out, to call in the Magistrates, the officers of the Militia and other intelligent planters of the vicinity thereof, or the District at large, as the importance of the case may require, to assist in their deliberations respecting the aforesaid particulars; the majority of whom, and of

the members of the Board present, shall determine the necessity of the deviation proposed, and the proper spot for the Town, and the proper directions of the Roads in every such Township, and the Board shall thereupon proceed to authorize & report the same, as directed in the preceding article.

VII. With respect to all Townships laid out prior, and not according to the foregoing regulations, (many of which Townships are now considerably advanced in their settlements) the Boards are nevertheless to deliberate and fix upon the proper sites for Towns, Town-parks, glebes for a Minister & Schoolmaster, & the directions of the roads in the manner directed in the preceding article. If the choice shall fall upon lands already located in due form, the consent of the occupants or rightful claimants must first be obtained, by an agreement between them, and the inhabitants of the Township in general; to facilitate which, the Boards are hereby authorized to give them, severally, certificates directed to one of the Acting Surveyors of their District, for as many acres of the vacant lands of the Crown, in that or any other Township, as they shall have relinquished their claim to, by the agreement so made.

VI. As often as the complete execution of the directions, contained in the third article of these regulations, shall be prevented, by reason of the necessary space for that purpose being already under promises of Grants to individuals, who may be unwilling to relinquish their claims to the same, the Boards are to observe the following order in providing spaces for the general convenience of the Township, viz.

1. One or more place or places for the public Worship of God.
2. A common burying ground.
3. One Parsonage house.
4. A common School house.
5. A Town park for one Minister.
6. A Town park for one Schoolmaster, common to the Town.
7. A Glebe for one Minister.
8. A Glebe for one Schoolmaster, common to the Town.
9. The Court or Town house.
10. The Prison.
11. The Poor or Work house.
12. A Market place.

preceding therein, and in the other offsets pointed out in the third article of these Regulations, as far as circumstances may permit.

VIII. As often as the settlements of the Farm lots in a Township, are sufficiently advanced, in the opinion of the Boards, to render the distribution of the Town lots useful for the establishment of Mechanics, and the erection of a Church, Parsonage, and School house, &c. the Boards are to order the Surveyor to lay out the Town lots and number the same ; after which the Boards are to receive applications, and upon due examination of the character and pretensions of the Petitioners, to issue to them certificates, for such lots, in the usual manner.

IX. The Boards shall not issue any certificate for more than one Town lot of one acre, or one Town lot and one Town park of twenty four acres together, to the same person (being the head of a family) and this only on condition of his

building a Dwelling house on such Town Lot, and occupying the same, within the space of one year from the date of the certificate. And in cases of competition the Boards are to give the preference to such applicants, for whose trades and occupations the respective lots, on account of their situation near the water, or otherwise, may be best calculated ; and to such sober and industrious Mechanics, whose trades are most necessary to the convenience of the Township in general. And the Boards are to be particularly careful to discountenance frivolous applications, and not to authorise any transfers of unimproved Town lots and Town parks, which only tend to create a mischievous monopoly of the ground. Nor shall any Town parks be granted separately from Town lots the former being intended for the convenience of the settlers upon the latter, and a failure in the condition, upon which the Town lots are granted, shall operate the forfeiture of both.

X. Nothing contained in the foregoing Rules and Regulations, shall be construed to prevent the Surveyor General or Deputy Surveyor General, from the execution of their duty and instructions, whatever part of the Province either of them may be present ; nor to extend to the abolition, relaxation, or restriction, of the accustomed chain of duty or official intercourse, between the Surveyor General's office and its agents, or Deputy Surveyors respectively, in any part of the Province.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor.

J. WILLIAMS.

MR. AMOS ANSLEY,

SIR,—MR. JOHN RIDER has brought forward a complaint to me, against you, for interrupting him in the execution of his duty, and even insulting him. You are perfectly acquainted with the laws of your country, and I hope you will restrain from such conduct in future, or I shall be obliged to take such measures as the law directs.

I am your obt. Servant,

PETER SMITH.

[Received July the 15th, 1810,
by me, AMOS ANSLEY.]

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